

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Shubh D. Sharma  
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**ASSERTION OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The undersigned, a registered attorney of record appointed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.32(b), hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27(c)(1), of entitlement to small entity status as to this case effective as of August 19, 2009.

The undersigned further states that the assignee and applicant is a small entity and small business concern, and that as of the aforesaid date has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person, concern, or organization which would not qualify for small entity status as a person, small business concern or nonprofit organization.

Respectfully submitted,

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